



# VolunteerBloomington!

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "Thanks are the highest form of thought; gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder." ~ G.K. Chesterton

November 21, 2012

## Volunteer Trail Clearing – Nov. 24

Join the volunteers on Nov. 24 who will be clearing Sycamore Land Trust's new walking trails at Porter West Preserve. The trails go through a forest with interesting geology, featuring sinkholes and sandstone outcrops. To carpool from Bloomington, meet at noon at Office Depot on Gates Drive, northwest of W. 3rd St. and SR 37. Directions are available if you want to meet at the Preserve at 12:30 p.m. Bring work gloves and dress for the outdoors. RSVP by November 22. Minimum age is 16; 12 if with an adult. Please contact Katrina Folsom at (812) 336-5382 ext. 102 or [info@sycamorelandtrust.org](mailto:info@sycamorelandtrust.org). ([www.sycamorelandtrust.org](http://www.sycamorelandtrust.org))

## Take Back Lower Cascades Park – Dec. 1

Join other environmentally-inspired volunteers to remove Asian Honeysuckle in beautiful Lower Cascades Park under the direction of knowledgeable Bloomington Parks and Recreation staff. You will contribute to the restoration of the natural beauty of the park woods and learn how to identify and remove these menacing exotic invaders. The work day will be from noon to 4 p.m. on Dec. 1. Training will take place on site. Lower Cascades Park is located at 2851 N. Old State Rd. 37. Minimum age is 16. Be sure to dress for the weather! Rain date is Dec. 8. Please contact Kim Ecenbarger at (812) 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov). ([www.bloomington.in.gov/parks](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/parks))

## Middle Way House Volunteer Training – Dec. 8

This training is a prerequisite for those interested in volunteering and is also appropriate for anyone interested in learning more about the dynamics of gender and domestic violence. Middle Way House is seeking to train new volunteers to maintain the level of service that they provide to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Both men and women are strongly encouraged to attend. Preregistration is not necessary. The training will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 8 at the Monroe County Public Library, 303 E. Kirkwood Ave., Rooms 1B & 1C. Minimum age is 14. Please contact Debra Morrow at (812) 337-4510 or [volunteer@middlewayhouse.org](mailto:volunteer@middlewayhouse.org). ([www.middlewayhouse.org](http://www.middlewayhouse.org))

## Winter Food Drive

Winter food drive volunteers are needed now to transport donations from collection sites to the pantry at Monroe County United Ministries. Volunteers will also sort food donations in the emergency food pantry. You can volunteer anytime Mon. through Fri. between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., and some Sat. mornings. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Meri Reinhold at (812) 339-3429 ext. 13 or [mcum@mcum.org](mailto:mcum@mcum.org). ([www.mcum.org](http://www.mcum.org))

## Hilltop Garden

All year long there are volunteer activities at Hilltop Garden and Nature Center, like collecting, drying and packaging seeds for use next year, drying leaves for teas, and planting seeds in the greenhouse. In the warmer seasons, there is weeding, mulching, transplanting and watering. During the winter, the hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mon. through Fri. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Charlotte Griffin at (812) 855-8808 or [charlottteg38@gmail.com](mailto:charlottteg38@gmail.com). ([www.indiana.edu/~hilltop](http://www.indiana.edu/~hilltop))

## Community Wish List Spotlight

### Youth Services Bureau

Designed to meet the needs of youth (ages 8-17) and families in Monroe County and surrounding communities. Programs include the Emergency Youth Shelter, youth outreach and counseling. To grant a wish, contact Vanessa Schmidt at [vschmidt@co.monroe.in.us](mailto:vschmidt@co.monroe.in.us) or (812) 349-2043 (615 S. Adams St.; [www.youthservicesbureau.net](http://www.youthservicesbureau.net))

**Wishes:** sweatpants/shirts, winter jackets for ages 8-17; teen books, supplies and patterns for origami, bracelet-making, knitting, crocheting, beading; DVD's (No "R" rated: e.g. Star Wars, Never Ending Story, Hunger Games, Lorax); Kinect/Wii games

*Use the [Community Wish List](#) to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.*

*The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit [bloomington.in.gov/volunteer](http://bloomington.in.gov/volunteer) or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.*

